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**NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
INTERROGATORIES TO
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS WILLIAM P. TAYMAN
(NAA/USPS-T6-1-7)
October 23, 2001**

The Newspaper Association of America hereby submits the attached interrogatories to United States Postal Service witness William P. Tayman (NAA/USPS-6) and respectfully requests a timely and full response under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

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NAA/USPS-T6-1: Please refer to your testimony at Page 4, Table 1. Is it a correct reading of this Table that the Postal Service's net equity, as of year end FY2000, was a negative \$646 million?

NAA/USPS-T6-2: Please refer to your testimony at Page 5, Table 3. Do the data in this Table 3 include capital investments/expenditures? If so, please explain how these dollars are included.

NAA/USPS-T6-3: Does your Table 3 indicate that the Postal Service's actual revenue growth, taken over the decade, slightly exceeded its growth in expenses?

NAA/USPS-T6-4: Does your Table 3 indicate that the Postal Service essentially "broke even" during the past decade, but made very little progress towards restoring its net equity?

NAA/USPS-T6-5: Please refer to your testimony at Page 6, Table 4 and line 14. Please provide the basis for your projected FY2002 expense growth rate of 3.2 percent, instead of a higher or lower number.

NAA/USPS-T6-6: Please refer to your testimony at Page 9, Table 7. Does the "Current Assets" column include the book value of the Postal Service's real estate, after depreciation, does it reflect market value, or does it have some other meaning?

NAA/USPS-T6-7: Please provide your best current understanding of the consequences on the Postal Service's Test Year finances on the Service's actions and

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expenditures since September 11, 2001, including the effects of changes in mail volumes and mail safety measures.